

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 29, 33, 46, 47, 49, 51 and 52 as follows:

1/ 29. (Three times amended) An ink jet printer comprising:

a printer case having a print area where printing upon a sheet is permitted and a nonprint area where printing upon a sheet is not permitted,

a carriage slideably mounted to said printer case [and constructed] so as to slide [move] through said print area and said nonprint area of said printer case;

an ink cartridge mounted on said carriage;

a lever pivotably attached to said carriage for attaching and detaching [an] the ink cartridge from said carriage, said lever being pivotable between an open position where the ink cartridge is detached from the carriage and a closed position where the ink cartridge is attached to the carriage; and

a lip attached to said printer case and positioned above said lever and within said print area [region] for preventing said lever from detachment of said ink cartridge when said carriage is positioned within said print area, and for abutting said lever to prevent said carriage from moving from said nonprint [non-print] area to said print area when said lever is in the open position.

4/ 33. (Three times amended) An ink jet printer comprising;

a carriage slideably mounted to said printer case [and constructed] so as to slide [move] along a print area;

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a substantially U-shaped lever including a first arm having a first fixed end, a first free end and a first pivot point, a second arm having a second fixed end, a second free end and a second pivot point, and a tab connecting said first fixed end and said second fixed end, said lever being pivotably mounted to said carriage at said first pivot point and said second pivot point for pivoting about a pivoting axis defined as a line drawn between said first pivot point and said second pivot point; and [at a second end of at least one of said arms for pivoting about an axis extending between said second ends of said arms;]

an ink cartridge detachably mounted to said carriage by said lever;[ ] ]

wherein, said lever being pivotable about the pivot axis between a first position where the lever engages an ink cartridge and a second position where the ink cartridge is attached to the carriage, and, wherein, pivoting of said lever between said first and second positions causes displacement of the ink cartridge relative to said carriage.

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(Amended) The ink jet printer as claimed in claim 33, wherein said first arm includes a first resilient portion and said second arm includes a second resilient portion, said cartridge [carriage] includes a first convex portion and a second convex portion formed thereon, and said first resilient portion engages said first convex portion and said second resilient portion engages said second convex portion to attach said ink cartridge to said carriage.

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(Amended) The ink jet printer as claimed in claim 33, comprising a first pin and a second pin attached to said ink cartridge on opposed sides of said cartridge so as to project outwardly from said sides said first arm having a first cam groove sized and shaped to

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accommodate said first pin and said second arm having a second groove sized and shaped to accommodate said second pin, said first and second cam grooves for guiding said cartridge to [a] an attached position where said cartridge is attached to said carriage.

~~14~~ (Amended) The ink jet printer as claimed in claim ~~47~~, wherein said first and second cam grooves each have an inside edge, said first and second cam grooves are shaped relative to said pivoting axis so that the distance between the inside edges [edge] of the grooves and said pivoting axis increases as said lever pivots from the first position to the second position to displace said cartridge toward said carriage to the attached position.

~~21~~ (Amended) An ink jet printer, comprising:  
a printer case;  
a carriage slideably mounted to said printer case [and constructed to move along a print area];  
an ink cartridge having a first side including a first pin extending outwardly from said first side, and a second side including a second pin extending outwardly from said second side, said ink cartridge being attached to [constructed to be retained on] said carriage; and  
a lever having a first arm, a second arm, and a tab connecting said first arm to said second arm, said first arm having a first groove sized to accept the first pin and said second arm having a second groove sized to accept the second pin when said lever is at a first position.